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In re application of

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Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated March 5, 2003, please amend this application as follows.

Re-write Claim 1 as follows.

1. (thrice amended) An apparatus for carrying out solid phase microextraction of target analytes included in a fluid or a solid sample, comprising gas tight enclosure means for receiving the sample before the enclosure is made gas tight, means located within the enclosure means for extracting the target analytes from the sample, and means located outside of the enclosure means for chemically desorbing the target analytes by solvent extraction by a micro-volume of solvent, wherein the extraction means includes a solid support in the form of multiple fibres which may be coated or uncoated, the fibres and/or the coating being selected, based upon selectivity of the fibres and/or coating for at least one of the analytes present in the